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1. KILLICK, FCO DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY, ON SEPTEMBER 4 REITERATED TO US BRITISH READINESS TO ENGAGE IN PROMPT DEFINITION IN NATO OF WESTERN OBJECTIVES AT CSCE. HIS REMARKS, HOWEVER, SHOWED CONTINUING BRITISH CONCERN ABOUT SOME DIVERGENCE BETWEEN US AND BRITISH POSITIONS, ROUGHLY ALONG LINES OF REFTEL. SPECIFICALLY, THESE RELATE TO THE USE OF WHICH DEFINITION OF WESTERN OBJECTIVES SHOULD BE PUT, AND THE PACE OF ACTIVITY AT GENEVA.

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2. THE BRITISH AGREE WITH US THAT AN EARLY CONCLUSION

OF STATE II WOULD BE DESIRABLE. KILLICK SAID HE THOUGHT IT COULD END BY CHRISTMAS - IF POSSIBLE EARLIER. THE PACE AT GENEVA SHOULD BE DELIBERATE NOT FORCED. IT SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ATTAINING A SATISFACTORY OUTCOME FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF THE WEST. STRESSING THAT CSCE WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE NINE, KILLICK NOTED THE REQUIREMENT FOR FURTHER COORDINATION AMONG THE NINE. PRESUMABLY THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK DURING THE MEETING IN PARIS OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS. KILLICK ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF GAINING THE SUPPORT OF THE NEUTRALS FOR THE DEFINITION OF WESTERN OBJECTIVES. THE NEUTRALS, HE POINTED OUT, HAD BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO DATE TO THE WEST AT GENEVA.

3. REGARDING FORMULATION AND USE OF THE AGREED DESIDERATA, KILLICK SAID THE BRITISH CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE WEST SHOULD NOT PUT ITSELF IN A POSITION WHERE ITS OBJECTIVES ARE FORMULATED AS A MINIMUM POSITION. TO DO SO COULD WEAKEN THE BARGAINING POSITION OF THE WEST. HE THEREFORE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE DESIDERATA TO HAVE ENOUGH "FAT" SO THAT THE WESTERN POSITION WOULD NOT BE WHITTLED DOWN DURING DEBATE.

4. FINALLY, KILLICK SAID HE THOUGHT SOME TIME WOULD BE REQUIRED AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF STAGE II BEFORE STAGE III COULD BE HELD, SINCE PREPARATIONS FOR STAGE III AND PRODUCTION OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION COULD TAKE A MONTH OR TWO. ASSUMING THE OUTCOME OF STAGE II WAS SATISFACTORY, THE BRITISH WOULD BE PREPARED TO ATTEND STAGE III AT A SUMMIT LEVEL, IF OTHERS (READ THE NINE) WERE PREPARED TO DO SO.
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